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IMPERIAL AGENT: THE GOLENIEWSKI-ROMANOV CASE, by Guy Richards (Devin-Adair, \$5.95). When New York newspaper editor Guy Richards acted on a tip that alleged the suppression of a major U.S. spy scandal by elements of our government, he met more opposition than the standard bureaucratic runaround. Persistent, he went on to uncover the fascinating tale of a possibly quadruple agent, Colonel Michal Goleniewski. Unfortunately for Imperial Agent, Richards barely mentions Goleniewski's work as a spy. The main aspect of the case Richards examines, in a self-conscious, excessively informal style, is the possibility (and claim by Goleniewski) that the colonel is really the Grand Duke Alexei Romanov, son and heir of Czar Nicholas II. While never stating it flatly, Richards obviously believes the claim, letting stand many unproven assumptions about and statements by Goleniewski. Supporting the claim, however, on the basis of comparisons of sole prints, fingerprints and dental charts of Romanov (obtained from unspecified sources) Goleniewski, a former CIA indentification expert, believes the two men to be, indeed, one and the same. The question remains, if Goleniewski is not Romanov, just who is this man whose record of service to the West warranted; a special CIA-sponsored citizenship bill in Congress?

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